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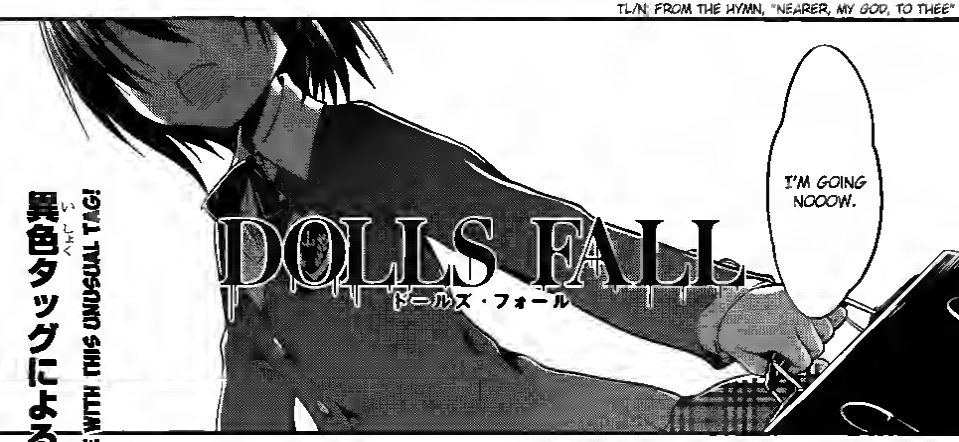
E'EN THOUGH IT BE A CROSS THAT RAISETH ME,

TL/N: FROM THE HYMN, "NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE"




# DOLLS FALL

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異色タッグによるサスペンス戦術の第4回！

CHAPTER 4 CONTINUES TO BUILD SUSPENSE WITH THIS UNUSUAL TAG!

STILL ALL MY SONG WOULD BE NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE.

NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE, NEARER TO THEE!

THOUGH LIKE THE WANDERER, THE SUN GONE DOWN,

DARKNESS BE OVER ME, MY REST A STONE;

YET IN MY DREAMS I'D BE NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE,
NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE, NEARER TO THEE!

NOO-
OOO!
UGH
PANT
PANT
BLE...
URGH

# DOLLS FALL

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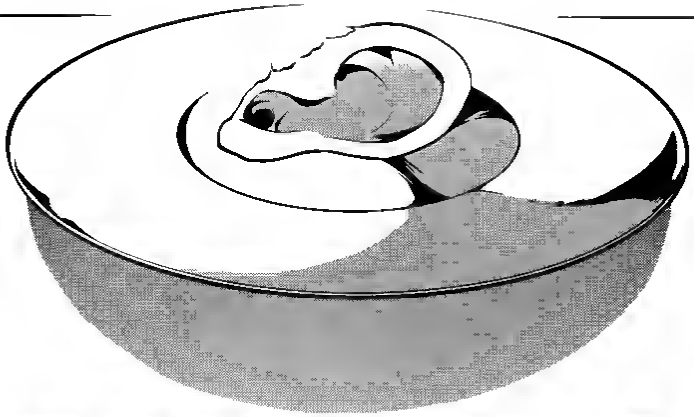
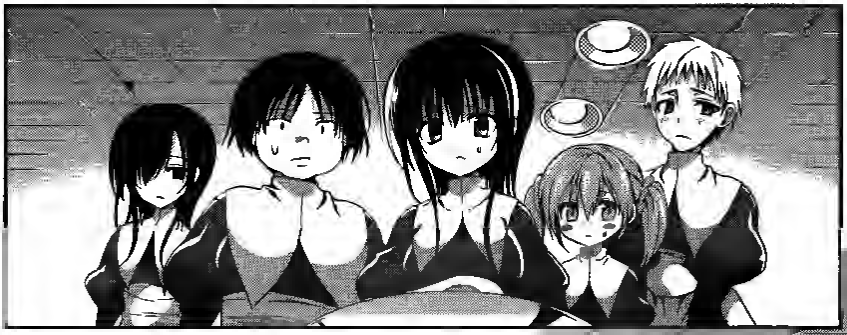
## 第4話：魔女の業火

Diabolus Dominatione





HOW PITIFUL
IT MUST HURT
TO FALL DOWN THE STAIRS LIKE THAT...
WE'VE ALREADY DEALT WITH DISINFECTION AND STOPPING THE BLEEDING, BUT
HER HEARING IS...
...I CAN HEAR...

I CAN HEAR THE SONG...
I CAN HEAR THE SONG...
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THEY ALL HAVE THEIR OWN PERSONALITIES.
THEY REALLY ARE WONDERFUL CHILDREN
WE MUST PROTECT THEM FROM THE FILTHY EYES OF THE WORLD.
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR PURITY...
HOW FAR WILL THEY GO?!
IS IT FALL!? ABUSE OF CHILD!
REARING ALLOWANCE

HAAH...

EVEN SO...
YOU STILL AREN'T SMILING AT ALL KYURU.
.....
JULIANUS.

I'M THE MADE-UP GUARDIAN, JULIANUS
Hup
MAAYA SAY SOMETHING KYURU!
Oh
WHAT!? YOU'RE GONNA DO IT, KYURU!?
I'M NOT GONNA DO IT!
...HE'S

CUTE.
DON'T POKE HIM THERE!!

...STOP IT! THAT'S MY BUTT HOLE!
DON'T TOUCH IT! AH! AAAH!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
GEEZ THIS IS HOW IT'S TURNED OUT
THAT MIIKO REALLY CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
CHEH

DON'T SAY THAT!
WEREN'T YOU BOWING YOUR HEAD TO MIKO JUST YESTERDAY, TOMIKO!?
CHEH.
BEFORE YOU AND MIKO ARRIVED,
WE WERE THE ONES CALLING ALL THE SHOTS!
A GROUP OF BULLIES WITH A CORRUPTED POWER BALANCE.
HOW PITIFUL.
I'M NO LONGER SCARED OF MIKO, NOW THAT SHE'S TURNED INTO A WUSS
AND WHAT? WITCHES? ARE YOU STUPID!?
YOU PISS GIRL!
BUT REALLY, YOU...
AH...
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KYA HAHII!
PISS GIRL
PISS GIRL
STOP IT!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? WASN'T MAKOTO YOUR ENEMY?
CHE!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL! HURTING OTHERS IS BAD!

WHAT THE HECK? HOW GROSS.
...FINE. LET'S GO, KOMORI.
KH!!
CHEH.
17
ARE YOU OKAY, MAKO-CHAN?
LUH...
LEAVE ME ALONE!!

JUST NOW... SHE SAID "WITCH", DIDN'T SHE...?
PERHAPS MAKOTO-SAN...
HAS SEEN IT, EH?
EH?
THERE'S A LEGEND IN THESE DORMS.
WITHOUT REALISING THAT SHE'S ALREADY DEAD, SHE WANDERS ABOUT...
THE "CRUELTY-LOVING WITCH"...

A-A MONSTER? OR SOMETHING LIKE A GHOST?
...THE RUMOURS SAY
THAT IT'S THE GHOST OF THE VERY FIRST DORMITORY MOTHER
NOT THAT I'VE SEEN HER FOR MYSELF...
THERE WAS A GIRL WHO SAID THAT,
WHEN SHE WAS IN THE BATHROOM LATE AT NIGHT, SHE SAW A HALF-TRANSPARENT SHADOW DOWN THE CORRIDOR
KYA AAH
SCARY...

IF YOU SEE A SKELETON LATE AT NIGHT, YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT, OKAY?
NN?
IMAWA!
AGAIN WITH THOSE OCCULT DELUSIONS OF YOURS?
WELL, YOU'RE FREE NOT TO BELIEVE, BUT...
YEP, YEP.
OR IF THERE ARE SIGNS THAT YOU'VE BEEN POSSESSED, OR. .
WELL THEN EVERY-BODY
THE WIND'S GOTTEN RATHER STRONG, SO WE SHALL TAKE OUR LEAVE NOW
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AAAAH
ARE YOU OKAY, MEIRI?
MAAYA-CHAN...

YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING UNWELL SINCE MORNING.
NN?
YEAH
IT'S NOTHING
I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING THAT WILL WORRY ANYONE ANY MORE THAN THIS...
MIIKO-CHAN ENDED UP LIKE THAT...
AINA,
WE SHOULD GO TOO.
.....

THE MEMORIES OF THE DAY I LOST MY FAMILY...
THAT SPECTACLE WAS TRAPPED IN MY HEAD.
SLEEPLESS NIGHTS ENSUED AFTER THE ACCIDENT DAY AFTER DAY.
RECENTLY I'VE BEEN SEEING THOSE DREAMS LESS AND LESS THANKS TO THE COUNSELLOR BUT...
I'VE RELAPSED ONCE AGAIN.
THE CAUSE IS SURELY ---

WELL THEN, EVERY-BODY...
TONIGHT WILL BE THE NIGHT OF THE REGULAR JICHIN CEREMONY.
IT'S A CUSTOM THAT YOU SHOULD ALL BE FAMILIAR WITH.
LET'S SEE...
PERHAPS SOMETHING LIKE THE WEEK OF HIGAN.
TLN THE EQUINOCTIAL WEEK, WHEN MANY BUDDHIST SERVICES ARE HELD
THIS EVENT OCCURS EVERY MONTH.
IN ORDER TO SOOTHE THE SPIRITS OF THOSE FORMERLY OF THIS LAND AND DORMITORY...
CANDLES WILL BE LIT ALONG MOST OF THE HALLWAYS.
TONIGHT, TEACHING STAFF INCLUDED,
NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO LEAVE THEIR ROOM,
AND NO ONE IS TO SPEAK.
AM I CLEAR?

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IT STARTS AT 11PM, DOESN'T IT?
ABOUT 20 MINUTES LEFT, KYURU!
IT'S KINDA LIKE A CANDLE-LIT NIGHT, SO I'M EXCITED, KYURU!
KNOCK KNOCK
……
MAKO-CHAN?
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COME WITH ME FOR A BIT
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IN PRIVATE.
IS THAT ALRIGHT?
MAKE SURE TO RETURN BEFORE IT STARTS, KYUIRU.
YOU LOOK LIKE SOMEONE I CAN TRUST, SO... LET ME ASK YOU.

WHEN MIIKO TRIES TO SHOW OFF
SHE GOES ALL WEIRD AND DOES STUPID THINGS BUT...
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S LIKE THAT... SHE STILL HAS MANY GOOD POINTS.
YEAH...
THE ACCIDENT ON THE STAIRS... WAS PRETTY BAD, WASN'T IT?
.....
BUT IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT.
EH ...?

MIIKO WAS DONE IN BY THE WITCH!
...THIS DORM ISN'T YOUR NORMAL DORM!
AH...
LO... LOUISE-CHAN ALSO SAID SHE WAS A MAGICAL GIRL, DIDN'T SHE?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

"LEAVE THIS TOWN."
...HEAR ME OUT,
WON'T YOU?
COME WITH ME,
AND TONIGHT
WE'LL ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE!

*TL: Save me.

NOTE OTHERWISE I'LL BE KILLED BY SENSEI HURRY
先生に殺される早く
WHA...
WHAT'S THIS...?
WHEN I WENT TO CHECK WHAT WAS HAPPENING EARLIER TODAY,
MIIKO PASSED THIS TO ME.

.....
CALM DOWN AND LISTEN TO ME.
KUROE-SENSEI IS THE WITCH.

EH ...?
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN IN DETAIL, BUT...
GOT IT? ANYWAY, JUST DON'T TRUST KUROE-SENSEI.
THERE ARE MANY TRUTHS THAT ALL TIE TOGETHER.
SHE'S NOT A GOOD PERSON IN ANY WAY.
ゴロ ゴロ...
...NO WAY.
KUROE-SENSEI IS... SHE'S A VERY KIND TEACHER, ISN'T SHE!?
MEIRI ...
THAT FORMER ROOMMATE OF YOURS, MIMI...
DO YOU EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?

EH?
WHEN MIMI-CHAN CAME HERE, THAT SAME NIGHT
SHE WAS ADOPT-ED...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, FINDING FOSTER PARENTS
IN JUST ONE DAY IS UNNA-TURAL.
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THIS DORM IS
HIDING SOME KIND OF TERRIBLE, SICKENING SECRET!
COME ON... JUST BELIEVE ME...
.....
WE, MIIKO AND TOMIKO INCLUDED, WERE ACTING SO TERRIBLY...
SO I DON'T HAVE... ANY FRIENDS.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE...
I CAN ASK.

LET'S GRAB MIIKO FROM THE SICK BAY,
AND FROM THIS DORM ...
FROM THIS TOWN...
WE'LL RUN AWAY TOGETHER.
I...
I...
BELIEVE IN KUROE-SENSEI!

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バタン

KUROE-SENSEI...
UMM...
ON ON
?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND...?

IT'S COMING FROM IN HERE...
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HUH?
THERE'S A...
ROOM IN HERE?

THIS IS...
I WONDER WHAT... KIND OF ROOM THIS IS.
EVEN SO...

OH, RIGHT. I WAS TOLD NOT TO ENTER HER OFFICE...
A WITCH, HUH...?
.....
LE... LET'S GO BACK.
FLINCH
AH...
WA... WAIT UP...
ROLL ROLL

THUNK

家3人
練炭自殺か
5人はねる
5人中1人死亡
車、海へ転落

一家焼死

焼死事件
放
WHAT...
なぜめいり家の事件の新聞が…!?
WHY IS THE ARTICLE ON MEIRI'S FAMILY…!?
放火の可能性
IS THIS …?
いのりさん
知花
兼広さん
11月号につづく